

will be backfilled and sealed to prevent exposure to water.

Prior to the start of this project, the mine site will be cleared and all garbage material will be disposed of.


15. How will the increase in production levels positively affect the socioeconomic condition of the area?

This project will remove approximately 1.5 million tons of coal that would not have been recovered or made available to the market otherwise resulting in the direct employment of 44 people in the area. It will also create new employment opportunities, aid in development and maintenance of indirect jobs, and will increase the amount of money the area receives in personal and severance tax. Increased production of coal increases the volume of coal on the market. Increased coal volumes reduces the price per ton paid by utilities. Reduced prices results in lower electricity costs to personal households and industrial consumers. Lower electricity costs as well as lower costs for manufactured goods positively affects the socioeconomic conditions for the region where the number of fixed income levels for individual households are above average. With increased production the company can afford higher wages, better health insurance, retirement and holiday pay. With good fringe benefits the company can attract quality workers and in return quality workers can create a viable housing market and improved neighborhoods. This mining operation is expected to raise an additional \$453,600 in severance tax money of which \$317,520 would be returned to the county. Local governments use a large portion of this money to improve and maintain roads and other infrastructure.

16. How will the increase in operational efficiency positively affect the socioeconomic condition of the area?

The increase in operational efficiency will in turn increase the production levels leading to increased employment opportunities in the area, maintenance of existing employment, development and maintenance of indirect jobs. It will also increase monies and taxes obtained from coal. Through this, recovery of more coal is possible, and this leads to increase in production having a positive effect on the area.

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